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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Sung-Kwon LEE, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2812

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Examiner: Gurley, Lynne Ann

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE CAPABLE OF
REDUCING SEAM GENERATIONS

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PETITION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 5, 2004

Sir:

As discussed with Sr. Petitions Attorney Doug Woods on April 1, 2004, the above-identified application has been mistakenly merged with another patent application titled "FLASH MEMORY DEVICE" with the same filing date - June 27, 2003. As such, an official Filing Receipt has yet to be issued for the other patent application. The respective postcards which have the filing date stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide evidence of the error. The respective Notices of Recordation of Assignment Document also provide evidence of the error as they list the same serial number.

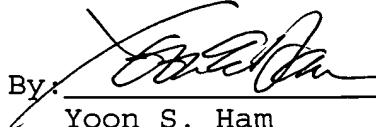
Further, a Notice of Allowance has been issued for the above-identified application. However, some of the information pertaining to the above-identified application is incorrect since it was merged with the other patent application that was filed on

the same day. For example, the Notice of Allowance lists the inventor of the other patent application as the first named inventor. In addition, it appears that the priority of the other patent application - Foreign Application No. 2002-72240 - has been included in the above-identified application. The official Filing Receipt in connection with the above-identified application provides evidence of this error. Enclosed herewith are copies of the respective applications and related documents. We respectfully request that the two applications be separated and considered separately as they were filed.

Since the error was made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by this Petition. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any fees that may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

If any issues arise, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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